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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS THIS DAY

Fruit Trees—J. Cunningham.
Shawl found.

The British Columbian.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1869.

THE GREAT WANT.

In the recent discussion in the Council on the subject of our Assay Establishments, expression was repeatedly given, in terms more or less emphatic and unqualified, to the opinion that the prosperity of the Colony was mainly dependant on its mining interests—which interests should, accordingly, be recognised as having a paramount claim on the favorable consideration of the Legislature. To this expression of opinion there was some slight demurring, but it seemed to meet with a general and all but unanimous concurrence. Nor, in truth, can the vast importance of the interests in question be reasonably denied. In one point of view, especially, the success of our mining operations, and the opening up of new fields in which these operations may be prosecuted with the prospect of a satisfactory result, must be reckoned a matter of essential moment to the welfare of the Colony. We allude to the influence which this must inevitably have on the increase of our population—to the strong inducement which will thus be held out to the dwellers in other and more thickly peopled portions of the globe to repair to our shores. For, after all, the most urgent and pressing want of this country is population. It may be true that the tribe of gold-seekers do not, as a general rule, constitute a class from which the most is to be hoped in the way of permanent settlement; and the history of British Columbia during the past few years sufficiently shows how completely large numbers of this class, after a brief residence and various fortunes, may disappear from amongst us, without any appreciable benefit from their transitory sojourn being left behind. The conclusion, however, at which we might thus arrive, must be considerably modified when we turn to such countries as Australia and California—countries, it may be safely affirmed, which would not for many a long year have been peopled as they have been, but for the powerful attraction presented by their rich auriferous deposits. The experience of this Colony is all too limited to be put in opposition to what has been realized in these countries. California, indeed, after the first headlong rush to her goldfields, would appear to have suffered just such a collapse—to have passed through just such a period of discouragement and depression—as has, unhappily, been witnessed among our selves; and the prosperous condition of things there which has since supervened, may well warrant us to anticipate a better time coming for British Columbia.

The great distance at which this country lies from the over-crowded shores of the British Isles, and from other parts of Europe where the pressure of a dense inhabitation is scarcely less deeply felt—and the large sum necessary to meet the expenditure required for so long a journey—this, at least for the present, raises a formidable difficulty in the way of considerable accessions to our population by emigration from these quarters. The completion of the great Pacific Railroad, and the opening up of communication, by Railroad or otherwise,

through the Valley of the Saskatchewan, with the Dominion of Canada, will, no doubt, eventually favorably affect our position in this respect. Meanwhile surely something might be attempted by our Government. Instead of exacting the price, small as it is, which is now demanded for the land fitted for agricultural occupation, there might be free grants under regulated conditions of settlement as in Canada. In conjunction with the Imperial Government, some arrangement might be made by which, as at least in the early days of Australian emigration, the cost of the journey from the mother country to this distant dependency would be reduced to a comparatively moderate amount. Immediate steps should, moreover, be taken to spread far and wide, all necessary information—information which as emanating from the Government might be fully depended on—concerning the Colony and the advantages which it offers to the new settler. Even among the better educated and more intelligent classes in the mother country there is a wonderful amount of ignorance respecting countries at a distance; and of all places on the surface of the globe, it would be difficult to specify any about which one there meets with such conflicting and untrustworthy accounts as British Columbia. At all events, the subject to which we have now been adverting is one which ought to engage the earnest solicitude of any Government which has at heart the best interests of this Colony. It is certainly painful to think of its inexhaustible treasures of the land and of the deep—of its mineral resources of every description—remaining un-gathered and undeveloped for want of people to take advantage of what the hand of nature has so profusely lavished—painful, above all, when one thinks, furthermore, of the thousands on thousands who, in Great Britain and elsewhere, are dragging out a miserable existence in the dire struggle—not seldom, unsuccessful struggle—to procure, for themselves and those dependant on them, the bare necessities of life, and who here, with comparatively little effort, might surround themselves with amplest abundance of everything conducive to their temporal comfort.

At an examination in one of our young ladies' seminaries, the other day, the question was put to a class of little ones: "Who makes the laws of our government?"—"Congress," was the ready reply. "How is Congress divided?" was the next question. But the little girl to whom it was put failed to answer it. Another little girl in the class raised up her hand, indicating that she could answer it. "Well," said the examiner, "Miss Salie, what do you say the division is?" Instantly, with an air of confidence as well as triumph, the answer came: "Civilized, half-civilized and savage."

A DEACON of the Russian Church, addicted to mechanical tastes, has given the post office of his capital a novel letter-box of his invention. It gives a receipt for every letter dropped into it. Deposit your missive, and a ticket is thrust out to you, bearing a stamp showing the year, month, and day of the posting.

Never cross a bridge, before you come to it; this will save you half the troubles of life.

New Advertisements.

FRUIT TREES!

THE UNDERSIGNED offers for

FRUIT TREES

in the Colony. All warranted

GRAFTED FRUIT.

Apply to J. CUNNINGHAM.

SHAWL FOUND.

Who lost it?

Apply to J. S. CLUTE.

New Advertisements.

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: COUGHS.

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: ASTHMA.

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: INCIPENT CONSUMPTION.

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS.

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: WHICH ARE DAILY RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY—Testimonials from the most eminent of whom may be seen.

Sold in Boxes and Tins, of various sizes, by T. KEATING, Chemist, 79, St. Paul's Churchyard, London. Sold retail by all Druggists, &c.

COAL!

A FRESH ARRIVAL BY THE

"FLY,"

FROM

NANAIMO,

IN ANY QUANTITY TO SUIT CONSUMERS.

Apply at the store of
H. HOLBROOK,
Columbia Street.

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NOTICE.

CAPT. EDWARD STAMP has this day retired from the management of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Paper, Lumber and Saw Mill Co., (Limited). Capt. James A. Hayman will take the management at Burrard Inlet for the Company, and Jackson, Campbell & Co., by J. C. Nicholson, will be the financial agents here.

EDWARD STAMP,
J. C. NICHOLSON,
Victoria, B. C., 2nd January, 1869. ja9 1m.

GOOD NEWS

TO THE INHABITANTS OF

New Westminster,

BURRARD INLET,

AND THE

LOWER FRASER.

JOHN A. WEBSTER

DESIRE to inform the Inhabitants of the New Westminster District that he has commenced business in the Store formerly occupied by him, opposite the Colonial Hotel, and has just opened a fine assortment of

Dry Goods, Groceries,
Clothing, Feed,
Boots & Shoes, Crockery,
Hats, Caps, &c., Hardware.

The above Goods have been carefully selected for this market, and will be sold at the LOWEST POSSIBLE Prices. ja1 to

PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY.

DAVID WITHROW

BEGS to announce to the public that he has opened a PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY, where

LIKENESSES,

AND.....

Scenic Pictures

can be had, in Any Style, and with all the Latest Improvements of the Art.

FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS.

DAVID WITHROW

CONTINUES to carry on the Furniture and Upholstering business in all its branches.

On hand a good assortment of DOORS, WINDOW-SASH, and WINDOW GLASS, of all sizes, WALL PAPER, PICTURES, CHINESE FANCY WORK, WILLOW-WARE, &c.

Columbia St. New Westminster.

November 20th, 1868. to

New Advertisements.

1868.

CLOTHING EMPORIUM.

CLUTE & CLARKSON,

IMPORTERS & GENERAL DEALERS.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

THEIR STOCK OF;

FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS

HAVE ARRIVED

and consist in part of

Gala Plaids, Union Plaids, Plain and Fancy Lustres, Russell Cords, Repps, Grassettes, Merinos, Alpaccas, Coburgs, Vettornos, Tibbets, Delaines, Taffetas, Cachmeres, &c., &c.

100 Pieces of Linsey's or Winceys just to suit this market, from 2 bits to \$1 a yard.

Trimmings of every Hue and Description, Buttons in endless variety, Gloves and Hosiery by the gross, Hats, Feathers, Ribbons and Flowers, a wholesale Stock, Ladies' Underclothing of every description, Prints, Grey Cottons, Drillings, Sheetings, Shirtings, Towellings, Skirtings, Linings, Tickings, &c.

In fact everything in the Staple and Fancy Goods Line, and at such low prices—to examine is to buy.

Men's Clothing of every description. Boys' Hats, Caps, Collars, Ties, &c., &c.

34 Dozen Baltic Shirts bought for less than "English Cost", and will be sold proportionably Cheap.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Best Brands of Flour, U. S. Congon, Hyson, Japan, and K. S. TEAS.

Best Brands of Tobacco, Sugar of all kinds, very low, Carolina Rice, Golden Syrup, Raisins, Figs, Currants, Spices, &c., &c.

OREGON LARD, Fresh Butter from "CHADSEY'S" Suet mass, constantly on hand.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

An endless variety of Men's Women's, Children's, Boys and Misses, constantly on hand.

21, 3, 31, and 4 point BLANKETS, in White, Blue, Grey, Green and Scarlet.

BOOKS, STATIONERY,

NEWSPAPERS,

PERIODICALS.

&c., &c., &c.

TOYS AND FANCY GOODS.

BLANK BOOKS, &c., &c.

A large Stock of English and American

Hardware.

TINWARE of every description manufactured on the premises, by a first class workman. All work guaranteed.

Just received a superior lot of Parlor, Box and Cooking Stoves of all sizes and kinds.

Stove Pipe made and sold at 50 cents per length of 2 feet (of the best sheet iron). GRINDSTONES 5 cts.

All Goods marked in plain figures, and no deviation from the price marked will be made; consequently we hope to avoid accidents.

J. S. CLUTE. G. C. CLARKSON.

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New Advertisements.

SCOTCH HOUSE, CLINTON HOTEL,

VICTORIA.

A. McLEAN & Co.,

ARE just opening a very choice assortment of Winter Clothing, received by last Express, direct from England, consisting of—

Beaver Suits,

TWEED SUITS;

Hosiery,

UNDER CLOTHING,

Hats, Caps,

BALTIC & WHITE SHIRTS,

Water-proof coats,

BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

A Splendid Stock of

WINTER GLOVES.

Men's Suits, \$10 to 30.

BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.

We receive additions to our Stock by every Steamer, and the above will be sold cheap for cash, to make room for other shipments on the way. oc16 to

DISSOLUTION OF

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership, heretofore subsisting under the name and style of ALWAY & BAILEY, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All bills, receivable or payable, must be handed into Mr. B. BAILEY for settlement. J. ALWAY, B. BAILEY, Witness, W. H. WARD, B. BAILEY, Yale, October 28th 1868. oc31 1m

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE,

PARIS, 1867.

THE VERY HIGHEST PRIZE

THE IMPERIAL CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOR



Was conferred at the Paris Exposition

GROVER & BAKER

SEWING MACHINE,

Being the Highest Award made to any Sewing Machine Exhibitor.

THE NEW STYLES

SHUTTLE STITCH

MANUFACTURING MACHINE,

MANUFACTURED BY

GROVER & BAKER,

Are rapidly superseding all others.

THE ELASTIC STITCH

FAMILY MACHINES,

MANUFACTURED BY

GROVER & BAKER,

Are acknowledged to be the

BEST

IN USE.

Sent for a Circular.

R. G. BROWN, Agent, 115 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal.

New Advertisements.

CLINTON HOTEL,

CLINTON CITY,

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE Subscribers, for many years Proprietors of the Twenty-nine Mile House, Douglas Portage, beg to announce that having purchased the

CLINTON HOTEL

property, they are prepared to afford excellent accommodation to the travelling public. The table will at all times be well supplied, and in the Bar will be found the choicest liquors. Ample stabling for animals and the best of feed constantly on hand. They respectfully invite a call from their old customers, at well as the travelling public generally.

J. SMITH & Co.
Clinton, B. C., 22d Aug. 1867. to

SADDLERY

AND

HARNESS MAKING.

B. DOUGLAS begs to inform the Farmers and Teamsters of the Upper Country, that he is prepared to supply orders for any article in the Saddle and Harness of all kinds, of his own manufacture, always on hand. A good supply of Whips, Blacksnake lashes, Apparatus and other Leathers.

BEN. DOUGLAS, apl5 to

Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the firm name of Higgins & Long, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The publication of the Daily and Weekly BRITISH COLUMBIAN, and the prosecution of a General Printing Business, will be continued by the Senior Partner of the late firm, who will receive all monies due and discharge all outstanding liabilities.

DAVID W. HIGGINS,

THOS. H. LONG.

Victoria, V. I., Jan. 9th, 1869. ja15 1m

GREAT REDUCTION

COLONIAL HOTEL,

Soda Creek.

WLEES & SENAY, PROPRIETORS

BEG to Return Thanks to their patrons for the past and in order to suit the times they have reduced the scale of prices, viz:—

MEALS.....\$1.00
BEDS..... 35
BOARD AND LODGING, per day..... 2.50
do do per week..... 15.00

Having recently made large additions to the premises so as to give

First-class Accommodation in the Eating and Sleeping Departments.

They hope to merit an extended support in the future.

Private Room for Families.

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Will always be found the Choicest Brands of WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

A. BARLOW,

YALE, B. C.

MERCHANT AND

GENERAL AGENT.

ALL KINDS OF COLONIAL AND OTHER

PRODUCE

BOUGHT AND SOLD ON

COMMISSION,

BILLS COLLECTED,

and a GENERAL AGENCY BUSINESS

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SATURDAY, F.

THE LEGISLATIVE

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